GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RENAMING OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to rename some of the Airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the airports which are likely to be renamed; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be materialized?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) :- Proposals are received from time to time for renaming of various airports in the country. Proposals for renaming of airports at Jodhpur in Rajasthan as Maharaja Umaid Singh Airport, Gaya in Bihar as Gautam Buddha International Airport and Umroi (Shillong) in Meghalaya have been sent for views of the concerned State Governments, which are awaited. Some other proposals received for renaming of airports are: Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh as Maharaja Chhatrasal Airport, Dehradun in Uttaranchal as Veer Chand Garhwali Airport, Bhuj in Gujarat as Krantiveer Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma Airport, Tura in Meghalaya as Captain W.A. Sangma Airport, Raipur`s Mana airport in Chhattisgarh as Swami Vivekananda Airport, Amritsar Airport after Guru Ram Dass, Rajkot Airport after Shri U.N. Dhebar, Lucknow Airport after Chanderbhanu Gupta, Varanasi Airport after Lal Bahadur Shastri, Leh Airport after Kushok Bakula Rimpochhe and Lengpui airport in Mizoram as Laldenga Airport. The proposals of naming have to go through the process of approval from time to time.